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PEARSALL, TEX., May 19, 1904.

Our work here has been encouraging and satisfactory, and the people, Mexicans and Americans, promise to keep the work up steadily. The two physicians, Doctors Orr and Redditt, have personally aided me in the work. They promise to organize a Ladies' Civic Improvement club in this town, which has an estimated population of 2,500 and of about equal Mexican and American element. The Stegomyiæ and Culex exist in abundance. I have been unable so far to find any Anopheles, although malaria exists here.

We have given, to date, about 125 demonstrations. We will finish

here on May 21, and move to Devine on that day.

There is some doubt as to infection here last season, although both doctors report suspicious cases and state that there was great mortality among the Mexicans, who employed no physicians.

PEARSALL, TEX., May 21, 1904.

We have completed the work at this point, having fumigated 128 houses, containing 296 rooms; barrels oiled, 92; wells oiled, 56; elevated tanks oiled, 53. In a great many of the houses we used only such material as was necessary to demonstrate, while in some we used a good quantity of sulphur.

I am to-day addressing a letter to the commissioners' court of Frio County, advising the employment of a regular inspector to keep up

the work, under the direction of the county physician.

We will move to Devine to-morrow.

Inspection of Cannel, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Sauvignet reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

LAREDO, TEX., May 14, 1904.

I proceeded to Cannel, Tex., on May 13, for the purpose of vaccinating and reporting to you upon the hygienic conditions at that point.

I vaccinated 160 children in the camp and left 50 virus points with the physician who resides there for the vaccination of the small neigh-

boring settlements.

Regarding the sanitary conditions, the camp is on a hill, affording good drainage, leaving the ground dry very shortly after rain. The arroyos have been cleaned out and drained of all standing water. As usual in these places, barrels are used for the water supply. Examination disclosed no larvæ in these. The camp is free from mosquitoes. Doctor Adams, the local physician, has good hygienic ideas and is putting the place in good condition.

Inspection of Ojuelos, Hebbronville, and Realitos, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

OJUELOS, TEX., May 14, 1904.

I reached here yesterday morning, having left Aguilares early. We have inspected 40 houses here and find wrigglers and mosquitoes in abundance. Few barrels are used, but we oiled all used, instructing the people to continue oiling at stated intervals. We have demonstrated in the people to continue oiling at stated intervals.